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## **BOLTS: "Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow's Society"**

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:** Greetings to all of the Bruning-Davenport USD patrons! Hard to believe the first semester has come to an end. The days sometimes seem to be long but the weeks and months go fast. I hope all of you were able to spend time with family and friends this holiday season.

As we begin the final semester of the school year, I want to remind all staff, parents, and students that by working together we can accomplish great things. It is essential that we dedicate ourselves to the improvement of education for all our children, and we work to keep the lines of communication open. Parents, please communicate with your child's teachers if you have concerns. Together we can help our students be successful.

At the December board meeting, it was approved to form a high school BDS golf team. They will practice at the golf course in Geneva. If your child is interested have them contact Mrs. Kowalski, our athletic director.

National School Board Recognition Month is in January. Nebraska, like other states, designates a week for local recognition of the important work of school boards and their members. I'd like to publicly thank the members of the Bruning-Davenport Unified Board of Education and the two local school boards for their commitment of service to the school district.

When you see a current board member tell them "thank you" for serving on the school board. They deserve recognition for being willing to take on this important role in the communities and to serve our students. In January the roles listed below may change with the reorganization of the three boards. Please join me in celebrating and honoring the individuals listed below for the work they have done for our children over the past year.

### **Bruning Board of Education**

Sarah Bolte - President  
Ryne Philippi - Vice President  
Sheri Norder - Secretary/Treasurer  
Dan Domeier  
Sarah Krenke  
Jerry Baysinger

### **Davenport Board of Education**

Ryan Miller - President  
Rod Tegtmeier - Vice President  
Brad Williams - Secretary/Treasurer  
Jamie Koch  
Jeff Hoins  
Michael Schroeder

### **Bruning-Davenport Unified Board of Education**

Mike Schroeder - President  
Dan Domeier - Vice-President  
Jamie Koch - Secretary/Treasurer  
Jeff Hoins  
Sarah Krenke  
Jerry Baysinger

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** Welcome to the New Year! I hope that you have had a restful and relaxing holiday season with those closest to you.

The new year is a wonderful time to think about new beginnings and reflect on the mission and vision that drive personal goals. My focus as the district principal is to strive to work towards the mission and vision of the Bruning-Davenport District.

In the fall of 2018, the steering committee worked diligently to redefine the mission and vision of the district. Collaboratively, the committee determined that our mission as a district was to *Build Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow's Society (BOLTS)*. The mission seemed simple but was imperative in developing the vision of the district. It was then that Bruning-Davenport staff agreed that we envision that *all students in our district will achieve personal success and become responsible and productive citizens.*

As we enter a new calendar year and begin the second semester, I reflect on Jon Gordon's book The Carpenter. In The Carpenter, Gordon focuses on personal secrets to success in life. I believe that the text, vision, and mission unite in the foundations of their messages and goals. Success takes time, it doesn't happen overnight. Gordon notes in his book that one must care to achieve success by caring about the work they do, surrounding themselves with caring people, showing people you care, and building a team of caring people. But he focuses on the necessity to show others you care about them. As a staff at Bruning-Davenport, our vision is that our students will achieve success. Our path to that success will be through embracing the gift to CARE. **Mr. Damen Kugel, Principal**

**CARING  
LEADS TO SUCCESS**

**CARE** about the work you do.

**SURROUND YOURSELF**  
with people who **CARE**.

**SHOW YOUR TEAM**  
you **CARE** about them.

**BUILD A TEAM**  
that **CARES** about each other.

**TOGETHER**  
show your customers  
you **CARE** about them.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**KINDERGARTEN:** The Bruning American Legion Auxiliary and Mrs Remmers Kindergarten class worked together making an art project for Veteran's Day.



**NHS:** The Bruning-Davenport USD National Honor Society volunteered at the Majestic Movie Theatre on December 7th. The theater hosted a family movie for guests from Reinke Manufacturing. The students helped by filling drinks and popcorn and also helped with cleaning the theatre. Santa stopped by too!



**GRANDPARENTS DAY:** Grandparents Day was held November 16th in both buildings. Students and their Grandparents enjoyed a meal together and activities.



**What's happening @ your library** This month we have been utilizing our makerspace for the first time. Everyday household items were used this month in order to help our students think in new or different ways while designing solutions for problems. The pictures you see are of our third graders making a parachute for Santa so he landed on target, a shelf for the elf and the tallest Christmas tree. If you would like to donate a package of Q-tips (we only need one!) or a bunch of popsicle sticks, please call the school at 402.364.2225 and let us know. We will need them for January's makerspace activities that have to do with snow. Most of our students also participated in the Hour of Code activities to celebrate Computer Science Education week on December 9-13. The pictured students holding their certificates are fifth and sixth graders. We hope you all have a wonderful break...and don't forget to read that favorite holiday story! :) Mrs. Dolniecek and Mrs. Schweer (your school librarian & library para)



## MEET A SENIOR

**JENNIFER HOLTZEN** is the daughter of Douglas & Katherine Holtzen of Davenport. She has one brother Brett. Jennifer is active in Band, Volleyball, Drama, Speech, STUCO, NHS, Letter Club and FCCLA at Bruning-Davenport High School. She is also involved with her Youth Group at her church. Jennifer enjoys hanging out with friends and family during her free time. She plans to attend UNL, but has not decided on a major yet. Jennifer's favorite food is pasta, her favorite TV show is Friends, her favorite song is *Memories* by Maroon 5 and her favorite place to go to be alone is her room. The most influential person her life has been her Dad. "Because he taught me that you have to work hard to get what you want in life. He also always supports me in everything I do." says Jennifer.



**TANNER WENSKE** is the son of Amy & Kevin Wenske of Davenport. He has one brother Wade. Tanner is involved in Football, Track, FCCLA, FFA, Speech and Drama at Bruning-Davenport High School. He likes to fish, cruise around, explore and camp in his free time. Tanner plans to attend UNK and major in Physical Therapy. His favorite food is Burritos, his favorite TV show is *The Walking Dead*, his favorite song is *When I Grow Up* and his favorite thing to do hang out with friends.



**C**ounselor's Corner...Winter break: a good time for college prep!....Here are a few things you can do:

**Seniors, complete your FAFSA:** If you haven't already, complete your [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Need help? Use our [FAFSA Tools](#) (sent in an email to all seniors, and home in a letter to all parents) or call us to make an appointment for free help: Lincoln - 800.303.3745; Kearney - 800.666.3721.

**Juniors, prepare for the ACT:** All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT Test this spring. On To College: John Baylor is available for your use. Educationquest.org also has more resources that could be of use.

**Search for scholarships:** Use our free [ScholarshipQuest](#) tool to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

**Update your Activities Resume:** Our free [Activities Resume](#) is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.

**Volunteer:** In addition to giving back to your community, your volunteer work can lead to scholarship opportunities. Make sure you track your involvement on your *Activities Resume*.

**January "To Do" List**

**Seniors:**

- \_\_ If you haven't already, complete the [FAFSA](#).
- \_\_ Apply for scholarships; see [ScholarshipQuest](#) for Nebraska-based awards.
- \_\_ Update your [Activities Resume](#).
- \_\_ Follow EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a [\\$500 scholarship](#).

**Juniors:**

- \_\_ Update your [Activities Resume](#).
- \_\_ [Register](#) by January 10 for the February 8 ACT.
- \_\_ Follow EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a [\\$500 scholarship](#)--

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT:** The Bruning-Davenport Music Department had a busy week with two concerts toward the beginning of December. Bruning's concert was December 10th with K/1st grade and High School Band performing. Kindergarten dazzled the audience with their plate routine to the sound of the Nutcracker March. 1st Grade did a great job letting their families know what they want in the song "Christmas Wishes". The High School band worked many weeks on three different pieces and their hard work showed during the concert. Davenport's concert was December 12th with 2nd through 8th graders performing. Elementary students worked together to perform the program "Crazy Christmas!" and it went GREAT! 5th grade band played their first concert with their instruments and did a very nice job. The 5-8th choir sang a variety of songs that challenged them and they really rose to the challenge! The 6-8th band finished out the night with 3 pieces ending with an outstanding performance of "Dance of the Slippery Slide Trombone". Mr. Morrison and Miss Frerichs are very proud of the music students and all that they have accomplished so far this school year!



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

3	Chase	Oltmans	2
	Brooke	Soukup	2
PreK	Tara	Turley	5
	Lynn	Hanson	6
7	Braelynn	Renz	7
9	Gavin	Hintz	10



9	Breya	Trapp	11
2	Levi	Tidyman	17
7	Peyton	Domeier	19
10	Tyler	Houser	23
0	Addison	Schoenrock	28
PreK	Tucker	Hinrichs	29



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## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

# JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Classes Resume	HS G/B BB vs. NE Lutheran @ Waco 6/7:30	JH G/B BB @ Meridian 12:45/2:00		HS G/B BB Giltner @ Dav 6/7:30	HS G/B JV Tourney @ Exeter-Milligan 9AM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	School Board Mtg @ Bru 7:30PM		FFA-Leadership Dev. Events @ York	JH BBB @ Thayer Cent. 6:00		JH BBB Tourney @ Dav 9AM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	JH BBB Blue Hill @ Dav 6:00	MUDECAS BBB	JH G/B BB @ Dorchester 12:45/2:00	MUDECAS G/B BB	MUDECAS GBB	MUDECAS BBB
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	G/B BB JV Tourney @ Thayer Central 4PM	HS G/B BB McCool Jct @ Bru 6/7:30		HS G/B BB vs. E-M @ Exeter 6/7:30		Thayer Central Speech Meet CRC JH BB CRC HS BB
	CRC HS BB Tournament			CRC HS BB Tournament		
<p><b>Notes: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b></p> <p>***JV games will be played with regular season varsity games whenever possible. Start times will be announced when both schools know how many quarter they can play</p>						

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** - The Unified Board of Education met in Davenport on December 9, 2019. Pursuant to laws and notices posted in Bruning and Davenport, all proceedings were taken while convened meeting was open to the public. President Michael Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Unified members present were Dan Domeier, Jeff Hoins, Jamie Koch, and Sarah Krehnke. Local board members present were Sarah Bolte, Ryan Miller, Sheri Norder, Ryne Philippi (7:36 pm), Rod Tegmeier and Brad Williams. Also present were Superintendent Kolin Haecker, Principal Damen Kugel, Sara Dierking, Lichelle Houchin, and Alicia Hoffman.

Dan Domeier made the motion to excuse the absence of Unified Board Member Jerry Baysinger, seconded by Sarah Krehnke.

President Schroeder recognized the Open Meeting Act. The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of November 11, 2019 Unified Board meeting, Treasurer's Report, and the December claims. Jamie Koch moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Krehnke seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 5-0.

Principal Kugel presented the principal's report: Teacher observations/evaluations, Grandparents' Day, One Act competition at CRC and District earning 5<sup>th</sup> Place at both. He also mentioned Dibels Testing, NSCAS/Map Testing, and the Principals Conference that he will be attending. Other shared information was upcoming events.

Superintendent Haecker reported on the following items: The comparability study for negotiations he had shared with the Board and Teacher Negotiation Committee, and the coach bus door that had come open over the weekend. He also mentioned the upcoming board re-election process and dates, and mentioned the recent meeting on the daycare. He finalized his report regarding an action item.

**Discussion item**

- A. Discussion item was for the district paying for Grandparents' day.
- B. Following discussion regarding adding Golf to the BDS Coop, Jeff Hoins made a motion to approve, seconded by Domeier. Motion passed 4-1 (yes: Domeier, Hoins, Koch, Krehnke, no: Schroeder).

**New Business** (All motions require a roll call vote and all carried 5-0 unless noted.)

- A. Domeier made the motion, seconded by Koch, to approve the 2019 audit.
- B. Krehnke moved to congratulate and recognize the Play Production members and coaches David Morrison, and Megan Frerichs for the season. Hoins seconded the motion.
- C. Hoins made the motion, seconded by Koch, to accept and approve Fred Kluck's and Pat Remmers' applications for the early separation stipend.
- D. Domeier moved to accept the resignations of Fred Kluck (Social Sciences/Social Studies), Douglas Otto (Elementary, MS, & Freshman PE), and Patricia Remmers (Kindergarten) at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. The motion was seconded by Koch.

**Executive Session**

Koch moved to enter executive session "to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual" at 8:12 pm to evaluate the superintendent. Hoins seconded the motion.

Domeier moved to end the executive session and to resume the regular session at 8:25 pm. Seconded by Koch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm by President Schroeder.

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Sara Dierking, Recording Secretary

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